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## AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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## Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2008 and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed September 12, 2008, the latter setting a one (1) month shortened statutory period for response, the Applicant submits the present amendment and response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is submitted herewith, along with a petition to extend the period for responding by four (4) months.

Claims 1-43 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 18, 28, 37, 41-42 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 9 of this paper.